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(b) Fifty-four thousand four hundred and eighty-seven scholarships have been granted to eligible communities which include Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Converts. Separate figures are not available in respect of Hindu Harijans and Christian Harijans.

(c) The number of scholarships given to Backward and Most Backward Class students is 8,250. Separate figures are not maintained for Most Backward Classes and Backward Classes.

*Delay in the payment of salaries to Teachers*

\* 420 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have received any complaint from the teachers of aided schools that the direct payment of their salaries is being delayed deliberately?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: No, Sir.

(SRI N.K. Palanisami rose.)

DEPUTY SPEAKER: After all the reply is "No". I do not know what supplementary question the hon. Member is going to put. Next question.

*District Superintendent of Police, Chingleput*

\* 421 Q.—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government on the strictures passed by the High Court on the District Superintendent of Police, Chingleput, in connection with the conduct of a murder case?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The Government have carefully considered the matter in consultation with the Inspector-General of Police and the Public Prosecutor, Madras. The Government have decided not to take any action.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI: May I know the salient features of the strictures and whether any reference in the judgment was made about interference from a Member of the Legislative Council also?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: One of the prosecution witnesses in the Sessions trial is reported to have stated that the investigation of the murder of his son or so was not properly done and it was not traced. Therefore, he mentioned it to one Member of the Legislative Council, and then the District Superintendent of Police took up further investigation and then the case was taken up. That was mentioned in the deposition of one of the prosecution witnesses. Referring to that the Hon'ble Judge who delivered the judgment is reported to have stated that this was interference by a Member of the Legislative Council and that the District Superintendent of Police abetted such interference and therefore action should be taken. Now Government have examined it.